OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Pismo Beach, CA

December 12, 2014

STAFF REPORT: Eastern Kern County SVRA Acquisition

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SUBJECT: Eastern Kern County SVRA Acquisition Update

Summary

The OHMVR Division is acquiring 50 privately-owned parcels (approximately 25,000 acres) in eastern Kern County, California, from ReNu Resources, LLC. The Eastern Kern County Acquisition (EKCA) lands are due west of Red Rock Canyon State Park and are interspersed in checkerboard fashion amongst land owned primarily by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (see Attachment 1).

This acquisition was approved by California's Public Works Board at the November 14, 2014 meeting. The purchase price of $18,988,000 does not exceed the fair market value as determined by a Department of General Services approved appraisal.

The acquisition is currently working through the escrow process.

Discussion

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the OHMVR Division circulated a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the EKCA project from February 15, 2013 through April 1, 2013. On October 3, 2013, the OHMVR Division approved the acquisition project and adopted the EIR findings including a statement of overriding considerations. Additionally, the OHMVR Division adopted the Eastern Kern Country Property Acquisition Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan. The Final EIR and associated documents can be reviewed at the project website: www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/kern-county-acq.
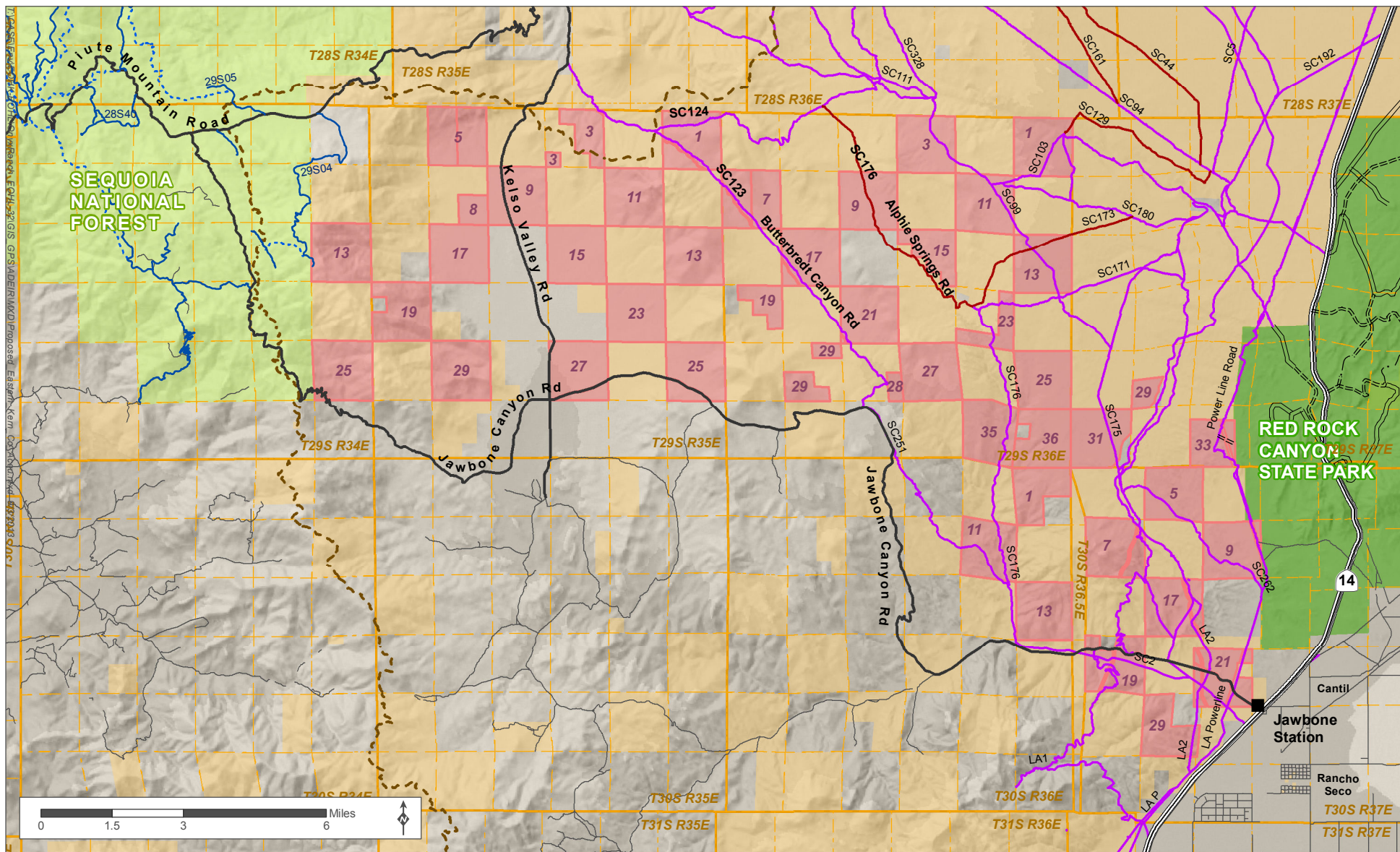
The EKCA lands will be classified by California State Parks as State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) lands. The SVRA lands will be managed by the OHMVR Division in cooperation with the BLM, Ridgecrest Field Office. At a future meeting of the OHMVR Commission, held in the geographic proximity of the Eastern Kern County SVRA lands, the OHMVR Commission will have the opportunity to officially name the Eastern Kern County SVRA.

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments

Attachment 1: Eastern Kern County Acquisition Parcel Map

Proposed Eastern Kern County Acquisition

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Piute Mountain Road

RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK

Jawbone Station

Cantil

Rancho Seco

Kelso Valley Rd
Jawbone Canyon Rd
Butterbredt Canyon Rd
Alphie Springs Rd
Power Line Road

SC124 · SC123 · SC176 · SC111 · SC328 · SC161 · SC129 · SC44 · SC94 · SC5 · SC192 · SC103 · SC99 · SC173 · SC180 · SC171 · SC251 · SC262 · SC2
29S05 · 28S40 · 29S04

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Legend

- ■ Visitor Center
- State Route
- Local Roads
- Other Local Roads
- 🟥 Proposed Parcel Acquisition (Labeled by Section Number)
- Public Land Survey Sections (with Township and Range)
- Bureau of Land Management
- ---- National Forest System Motorized Vehicle Trails
- —— National Forest System Roads

BLM Designated Routes:
- —— ATV & MC Routes
- —— 4 Wheel Drive Routes

Red Rock Canyon State Park Routes
- Dirt Road (Primary)
- === 4-WD Recommended
- ·—· 4-WD

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